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FIRST PLANS MADE FOR NEW NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Traffic Signals Here On County Board Agenda

A request by the City of Torrance for the allocation of \$17,000 in gas tax funds to be used in providing traffic signals at three intersections on Crenshaw Blvd., is on the agenda for next Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Bond Issue Gets Public Airing Here

An unofficial gathering was held at the City Hall last Thursday night, to inform the public just how to go about "promoting" the 3 million dollar bond issues on the airport and parks. And before the evening was over, legal matters were explained giving everyone present a comprehensive view of all the problems.

Summarizing the issues were Don Mansfield, Assistant City Manager, Robert Rogers, city administrative assistant; Harry Van Bellehem, recreation director; and Stanley E. Remelmeier, city attorney.

The assistant city manager explained a total of \$4 million is involved in both bond issues. If sanctioned by Torrance voters \$1 million would be used to acquire land for airport expansion, and \$3 million for parks and recreation facilities.

There will be a proposition amending the City Charter to expand the City Council from five men to seven with the mayor elected by the people.

Originally it was proposed airport bonds would be of "revenue" type paid for and secured solely by airport funds.

Rogers told the audience this type bond at present does not sell well and the interest rate is higher.

54% of Improvement The administrator explained the Civil Aeronautics Administration may aid airport expansion to the extent of 54 percent of such improvement costs.

However, he said: "We have no guarantee the government will help, but the CAA has not denied such requests as the city proposed, in the past."

"We have a top priority for airport improvements and we think the government will give aid to our proposed program," he went on.

No More Aid He cautioned those present this is the last year Torrance can apply for funds from the federal government because CAA allocations are only sufficient for 1958.

Rogers added: "It appears unlikely the government will extend its financial aid plan for airport improvement."

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CITIZENS STUDY PLANS
James Van Dyck, John Shidler, and W. E. Bowen, are the nucleus of the Citizen's Group being formed to raise money to send the Torrance Area Youth Band to Chicago in December.

New School Planned Here by Board

The Torrance Unified School District announced plans for the acquisition of a fourth high school site and additions to two existing high schools.

The Board of Education is also preparing an application for \$1,751,544 in State aid for needed new construction at Magruder, Hamilton, and Columbia Elementary Schools.

First steps toward condemnation of a 40-acre site at Henrietta St., Victor St., Del Amo Blvd. and Spencer St. for the proposed West High School already have been taken by the board.

Approval of plans for the second phase of construction at South High School has been granted by the board and bids on a \$1,000,000 contract to do the work will be called soon.

Preliminary plans for fourth-phase construction at North High School have been approved, including a football stadium, classrooms, library, shop, and administration building. Cost of the work is \$1,000,000.

Lomita Home Rule Plans Shifts into High Gear

Lomita's current campaign for "home rule" shifted into high gear this week as Linden H. Chandler, Chairman of the sponsoring group, announced the following developments and future plans:

(1) The "Civic Committee of One Thousand" FOR Incorporation is now a reality. Its formation was consummated a few days ago when the last of 1003 persons—home-owners, business and civic leaders from all walks of life and representing every area of the community—pledged themselves in writing to work for and vote for cityhood.

(2) Mrs. Jean Berseth, community leader and church worker residing at 25918 Lucille, has accepted the chairmanship of a women's division which will be organized immediately as an active arm of the incorporation committee.

(3) A headquarters office for volunteer workers and committee meetings has been opened at the Chamber of Commerce, 2213 Lomita Boulevard.

(4) An extensive, unbiased and authenticated survey of "Basic Facts About Incorporation" has been completed and will be mailed in summarized form to all registered voters in the near future.

(5) The Chamber of Commerce Civic Committee FOR In-

corporation will be neutral in the race for city council. It will not sponsor group of candidates, but it will invite all councilman aspirants to attend an "indoctrination" meeting in the near future for the purpose of explaining to them their legislative duties and various procedures necessary to the formation of a new city. At this meeting, all candidates who favor cityhood and pledge themselves to "fair, impartial, honest and economically administered city government" will be "sworn in" as executive members of the community-wide incorporation committee.

(6) Even though today is the deadline for registering in time to qualify to vote in the forthcoming incorporation election on October 29th, the Chamber Committee will sponsor an intensive and continuous drive for new registered voters right up to the time the results of the election are certified with the Secretary of State, making the status of cityhood official.

"Registered voters on the rolls at that time will be just like money in the bank to the new city," Chandler declared in explaining the reason for the drive. "This is due to the fact," he pointed out, "that various

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Band Aid Mapped by Citizens

A Meeting of a citizen's group to "Raise Funds To Send the Band" was called Friday afternoon. And before the meeting was over, many leading citizens were mapping plans designed to raise money.

The Torrance Area Youth Band is seeking funds so that it might represent Torrance in Chicago in December.

At the Friday session, Actress Rosemary DeCamp and her husband John Shidler, got on the band wagon and agreed to beat the drums for funds.

James Van Dyck, the Band's manager, said that so far he hasn't been able to muster too much support from the local citizens. He added that the All-America City should be represented in Chicago by the prize winning band.

EDITORIAL Press Keeping Pace With Torrance's Rapid Growth

Someone once said that a community is like a living person. That is, it lives, it breathes, it feels emotions, passions, and yes, sometimes it can die.

One of the ways by which the pulse of a community is taken, its heart beat felt, and yes even its temperature taken, is through the medium of the press.

It might even be said that so goes the community, so goes the press.

Torrance is the fifth largest area in Los Angeles County. It is an area which, last year at this time, had a population of 82,000 people.

Today the figure is well over the 92,000 mark and still going up at the rate of 1,000 per month.

To keep pace with the growth and development of Torrance and the surrounding community the Torrance Press is pleased to announce that today's edition heralds the beginning of a new twice a week policy.

You will find many new features in this second issue. And, along with the regular coverage of the latest local news, some of these features, we hope, will suit your reading tastes.

However, aside from the feature value, important is our practical application of news reporting—by "taking the pulse of the community."

This is how a paper serves its community best. For it reflects the thoughts, the feelings, and the pride of the area it represents.

And we are proud to be able to serve our readers in this capacity.



DETERMINED
With womanly determination, Miss Beverly Johnson, president of teen-group, stands before the planning board, to plot her course through the problems of promoting a new Teen-Age Center for Torrance.—Press Photo

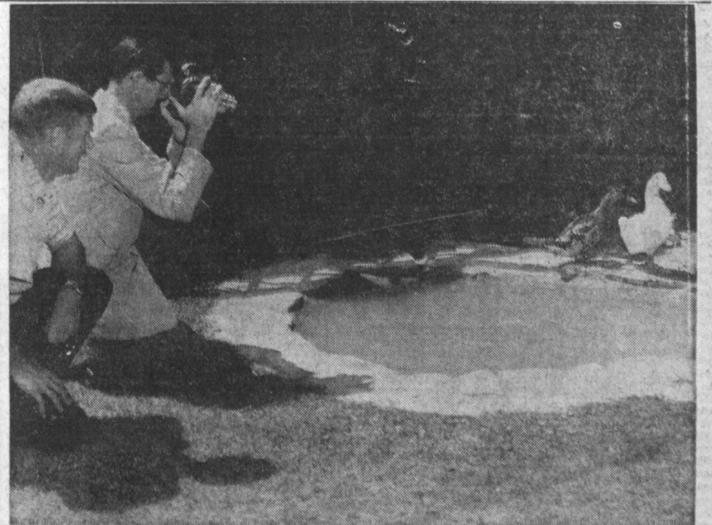
TeenAgers Determined, Map Plans to Fight for Local Center

A teen-agers group plugging for a new Youth Center for the whole Torrance area met in a mass meeting in the Band Shell in the Torrance park last week. And judging from the outcome, the youngsters are going to let it be known they will be fighting all the way for the proposed center.

Before the evening was over, the group had elected teen-agers Beverly Johnson as president; Jim Puckett as 1st vice president; Dave Ritchey as 2nd vice president; Marquita Davies as secretary; Gloria Munoz as historian.

Immediately after the group was elected, the executive committee let it be known that they were in the market for suggestions on how to propose the new center, and how to formulate plans to make sure their dreams will some day be a reality.

President Beverly Johnson announced that the group is open to all suggestions. "Some of (Continued on Page 7)



PUNCH BECOMES FAMOUS
Cameraman Reid Rummage and Dick Pettif of the Art Linkletter "Houseparty" television show, are shown here taking shots of little Punch, the famous duck who fell in love with a statue duck named Judy. Besides the TV appearance, Punch will be the subject of an article by Look Magazine on October 1.—Press Photo

Supervisors Get School Bond Issue

A request by the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District for the issuance and sale of \$2,000,000 in School Bonds will be up for consideration by the County Board of Supervisors next Tuesday.

According to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, Dr. J. H. Hull, Torrance Superintendent of Schools, has requested that the bonds be sold on October 8, so that the issue can be dated November 1.

The bonds to be sold are a part of the \$10,000,000 School Bond Program approved by the voters of the School District in June 1955, Supervisor Hahn said.

Beauty Queen Applications Close Today

Dick Ross, president of the Optimists, said today would be the last day for contestants to enter the Miss Lomita beauty contest.

A total of 16 girls already are entered in the charity beauty contest held each year. Proceeds go to the Optimists Club welfare projects.

Latest entrants are Odella Pena, 17, 1641 W. 253rd st., and Jackie Armstrong, 17, 24343 Pennsylvania ave.

Other entrants are Pat Milligan, 17, Barbara Barra, 17; Bonnie Brown, 17; Jodine Fairchild, 17; Gail Foster, 17; Helen Hayes, 16; Jinny Jimeno, 16; Joan Kretzschmar, 18; Dolores Kyllingstad, 17; Margie Maxham, 16; Saundra McKenzie, 16; Sharon Monroe, 16; Janine Parsons, 15; and Patty Wheeler, 15.

Ross said judging will take place at 8 p.m. at the Lomita Park Recreation building. The winner will reign through the year as the community's official hostess for various civic functions.

MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY

Dr. Wayne McMillen, Director of the Mental Health Survey of Los Angeles County told members of the Harbor Area Welfare Planning Council at their monthly meeting Tuesday that the services for mentally and emotionally ill persons in Los Angeles County were inadequate.

Dr. McMillen who is on leave from the University of Chicago to conduct the Mental Health Survey stated that making this study will be a real challenge to this community.

"We hope to obtain sound factual data to plan for our Mental Health needs in this region both for the present and during the next 15 years."

He indicated that the Survey which will utilize numerous community workers, both professional and volunteer, will cover five broad areas of service:

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REMINDER

The Downtown Torrance Retail Merchants' Gold Rush Days begins Monday night. It's also the night that all downtown stores will remain open for your convenience until 9 p.m.

Fake & Mate (Punch & Judy Are Really Famous Now)

Due to the article which appeared in the Torrance Press in May of this year, a local family and their pet duck will be the subject of a major article by a leading magazine, and appear on a popular coast-to-coast television program.

Council Holds Hearing on Riviera Motel

The Torrance City Council will hold a hearing on a rezoning move aimed at preventing construction of a motel.

The Hollywood Riviera site, according to the council, should be changed back to R-1 from R-4, after the owners of the property said they now plan to build a motel instead of the luxury hotel they originally planned.

Councilmen expressed dissatisfaction with the construction change and decided to rezone the land to prevent the Don Ja Ran Construction Co. from going ahead with its motel.

The Planning Commission, to whom the Council referred the matter several weeks ago, sent it back without recommendation.

Dean Sears With Bank Thirty Years

Prominent Torrance businessman and civic leader Dean L. Sears, assistant vice president at Bank of America's Torrance branch, will celebrate his 30th anniversary with the bank Sunday, September 15.

He became manager of Torrance branch in 1935. Under his guidance the branch has grown from a small office of five employees to the present branch which requires 69 staff members to operate. He was promoted to assistant vice president last July.

He joined Bank of America at Bishop in 1927, with five years of banking experience already behind him. His ability was quickly recognized and within three weeks of his employment he was sent to Lone Pine, to open a new branch there as manager.

Sears is well known here for both his banking and civic activities. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award in 1955 which was presented to him by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Among his civic posts, he is past president of the Torrance Dental Health Association, the Kiwanis club, and the Chamber of Commerce, of which he now is a director. He is also board member and secretary of the Torrance Memorial Hospital and the financial chairman for Harbor District Boy Scouts of America.

Sears and his wife, Vaughan, live at 1635 Post ave. They have three married daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Miller, of 2426 W. 236th st., and their pet duck Punch were groomed yesterday for an appearance on the Art Linkletter Houseparty show on October 1, over channel two at 11:30 a.m. And, on the same day, Look Magazine will publish an article telling the strange tale of Punch and Judy.

Duck In Love
The real live duck Punch, fell madly in love with a statue of a duck in the Miller's back yard and has refused to leave. And, although it was thought that Punch is, or was, a wild duck just flying through, it is a known fact that he has become domesticated—and openly and notoriously makes no bones about his feelings for Judy the statue.

Actually, Judy was a statue of a duck the Miller children once had. And Punch, obviously, while flying by one day, spotted her.

'Tis been said by the local folk that the little cherubs who shoot the arrows of love, hit Punch as he flew over the Miller yard. And he's been there ever since.

Loves Publicity
Television cameramen and press photos didn't seem to perturb little Punch. He posed like a veteran and occasionally would run up and plant a kiss right smack on Judy's lips.

When the television cameraman asked Mrs. Miller to sign a legal release authorizing the bird's picture to be taken, Mrs. Miller refused. She said that Punch's attorney had to read the document as he represented the bird's legal interests. However, after a short conference, she did relent, and made it official. Onlookers thought for a moment that Punch's own web feet would have been used, for his signature.

The Look magazine article is entitled, "The Drake and the Fake."

Sunset Asks Dismissal Of Hike

The State Public Utilities Commission yesterday announced that the Sunset Stages, which serve Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Lawndale, Hawthorne and Inglewood, have petitioned to dismiss their request for a fare increase.

The transportation firm had previously asked for a three-cent fare increase to be effective in February, due to increase in cost of operation. No reason was given for the dismissal.

1st TV Columnns Appears Today

Television Columnist Gene Enge starts his first article in the Torrance Press today, in the new Television Section. Enge covers the Television Beat with informative stories about some of the top shows in the world of television. And today's column deals with the popular TV show "Your Hit Parade!"

You'll also get a real laugh out of Tony Habeeb's interview with the Lone Ranger as the latter gives pointers on how to watch a rodeo on TV.

Take all of these features plus the new easy to read Television log, and you've got some pleasant reading ahead of you.